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Applicants: Michael T. Morman et al. Docket No.: 13,857.1
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For: METHOD FOR FORMING A TRANSVERSELY EXTENSIBLE AND RETRACTABLE
NECKED LAMINATE OF NON-ELASTIC SHEET LAYERS
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Transmittal Letter Request for Divisional Application under 37 CFR 1.53(b)(1) Same Plural Inventors

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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby request the filing of a divisional application in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)(1) of the below-identified prior application.

The prior application is identified as follows:

1. Serial number: 09/455,513
2. Filing Date: December 6, 1999
3. Title as originally filed: Transversely Extensible And Retractable Necked
Laminate Of Non-Elastic Sheet Layers
4. Applicants as originally filed: Michael T. Morman, Robert J. Schwartz, Howard M. Welch and
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The prior application is currently pending before Examiner Hai Vo in Group 1771. The entirety of the prior application is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

Enclosed is a copy, as originally filed, of the above-identified prior application which includes Thirty-seven (37) pages of specification, the specification including a one (1) page Abstract, Six (6) pages of claims, and Fourteen (14) sheets of drawings.

Also enclosed is a copy of the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney showing the signature of the inventor in the prior application. If applicable, a copy of any amendments referred to in the oath or declaration is also enclosed.

This application is filed by the same inventors named in the prior application.

Please amend the specification of this application by inserting, at the beginning thereof, the following:

-- This application is a divisional of application serial number 09/455,513 entitled Transversely Extensible And Retractable Necked Laminate Of Non-Elastic Sheet Layers and filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 6, 1999. The entirety of application serial number 09/455,513 is hereby incorporated by reference. --

Please amend the title from "Transversely Extensible And Retractable Necked Laminate Of Non-Elastic Sheet Layers" to "Method for Forming a Transversely Extensible And Retractable Necked Laminate Of Non-Elastic Sheet Layers".

Please cancel Claims 11-23, 32, and 33.

Please amend Claim 10 to "The necked laminate of Claim 1, wherein said neckable material comprises a spunbond nonwoven material."

And, if indicated:

A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

Please consider the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement, PTO 1449 and copies of the documents (excluding pending applications) cited therein. Pending applications are recited on a separate sheet to avoid their being printed on the face of any patent issuing herefrom.

The filing fee, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.16(a), (b), (c) and (d), has been calculated, after entry, if applicable, of any amendments, as follows:

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Respectfully submitted,

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